IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE JOH2748P0044US Richard A. Schatz licants: ) Dkt. No.: Julio C. Palmaz Serial No.: 10/689,579 ) Group Art No.: 3738 ) Primary Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic Filed: October 20, 2003 Title: Expandable Intraluminal Graft, and Method and Apparatus for Implanting an Expandable **Intraluminal Graft** Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006. Should any additional fee be required, please deduct them from Deposit Account # 23-0785.

## CERTIFICATE OF HAND DELIVERY

I hereby certify that this Amendment in Response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, and any document referred to as being enclosed, is being filed via Hand Delivery to the PTO Customer Service Window on April 7, 2006.

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